Minutes of the Meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held in The Village Hall, Westham on Monday 21st February 2011

345 Present

Cllrs G Parsons (Chair), M Nash, D Molog, B Garner, B Molog, T Bruce, T Comerford, J Blaker, R Perrin, P Marshall, K Sutherland and B Tooley.

Also in attendance were C Cllr T Freebody and A O'Sullivan (Parish Clerk).

346 Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Cllr K Saxby.

347 Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th January 2011 were read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

348 Disclosure of Interests

None.

349 Correspondence

The Clerk read from the attached correspondence list and the correspondence was noted.

350 Reports from Committee Meetings

The following Committee Meeting Minutes were received and adopted by the Parish Council.

Cllr B Tooley Parks and Open Spaces 14 February 2011
Cllr T Comerford Finance and General Purposes 14 February 2011
Cllr K Sutherland Environment and Planning 14 February 2011

351 Reports on Sub-Committee Meetings Held

There were no reports from Sub-Committee Meetings.

352 Reports from Outside Meetings

Cllr Nash attended the Westham and Pevensey Local Transport Partnership, they are currently working on operating independently.

Cllrs B Molog attended the Pevensey Town Trust meeting and the WDALC meeting. The WDALC meeting heard about Community Transport Schemes and the role of the

WDALC in the Standard's Committee. There were also concerns about Parish Boundaries and the problems caused by some villages when 'c' roads are not gritted, the 'c' road is often the only access road to a village.

Cllr B Tooley attended the recent Police Panel Meeting but attendance was very poor.

Cllrs Garner and Parsons attended a Speedwatch Meeting and will report back to the Parish Council when they know more.

The meeting was then suspended.

353 Reports from County/District Councillors

D Cllr D Dear sent her apologies.

C Cllr Tony Freebody updated those present on the latest budget updates at ESCC. There will be 400 job losses but there will be more money for Child Services than previously thought.

354 Questions from Members of the Public

P Bounds asked how much it costs to fill each grit bin and asked the Clerk to find out when ESCC are coming back to finish the works at Pevensey Park Road.

S Baird asked for an update to her request for wooden posts at Church Avenue. Cllr Parsons and Garner are to carry out a site meeting.

A Painter asked the Parish Council to provide more for young people in the parish to do.

A Lovell asked how the Parish Council spent so much on grit bin refills.

S McMillan asked for a notice from Foxes Hollow Residents' Association to go in the Parish Council notice board in Dalloway Drive.

The meeting was then re-opened.

355 <u>Emergency Plan - Update</u>

Cllr Nash has distributed amendment 11 and is now working on amendment 12.

356 Business Plan Update

The meeting with Trevor Leggo to update the Business Plan was very successful. The Business Plan Meeting is to reconvene and implement the updates from this meeting.

357 Adur Park Basketball Court

RESOLVED that Westham Parish Council accepts the price from Frontier Fencing of £1300 to repair the basketball court.

358 Over 60's Event

The Sub-Committee is to meet and carry out the next stage.

359 Pay Review Meeting

RESOLVED that the Parish Council accepts the Pay Review Sub-Committee's recommendations to increase the Clerk's Pay Scale from 31 to 33.

360 Westham Parish Council

After a heated discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Westham Parish Council changes its name to Westham and Stone Cross Community Council with the line 'incorporating Hankham' included any letter headings and banners.

The vote was carried by a vote of 7 to 5.

361 <u>Community Council Offices</u>

After another heated discussion it was proposed that the Community Council waits until the Localism Bill has been passed but this was rejected by a vote of 5 to 7.

It was then **RESOLVED** that Westham and Stone Cross Community Council will look into the possibility of moving the office out of the school.

This vote was carried by a vote of 7 to 5.

362 Tree Report

RESOLVED to accept the 'green items' on the tree report at £948 plus VAT.

RESOLVED to accept the offer of up to 48 trees donated by Chaffins and agreed to plant them in Adur Park.

363 Security at Tillingham Way

Last year the Parish Council cleared an area at Tillingham Way for Health and Safety reasons but this has led to concerns about security by some residents.

RESOLVED that the Community Council, Red Dyke Residents' Association and nearby residents will carry out a street meeting to look into the residents' concerns. The PCSO will also be asked to attend. Red Dyke Residents' Association will let the Clerk know when they have spoken to their residents and then the meeting will be arranged.

364 Allotment Charge

RESOLVED that the allotment charge for 2011 to 2012 will remain £7 per year.

365 Grant Applications

RESOLVED to award the Wednesday Club £200 to replace worn out play equipment.

RESOLVED not to award the Pump any money at this stage and asked that the recommendation from Cllr Blaker to produce a new newsletter is an agenda item at the next Full Council Meeting instead.

366 <u>Closed Churchyards</u>

Wealden have dropped the proposal to charge residents for the maintenance of closed churchyards for now so no further discussions were needed.

367 Questions From Members

Cllr R Perrin felt the grit bin situation was alarming and asked for the grit bins to be discussed at committee level.

Cllr T Bruce initiated a vote of thanks to the Clerk for looking after the Parish more efficiently than other Parishes with more members of staff.

Cllr T Comerford asked who will receive the commuted sums from Wates and which Council decides who the Affordable Housing element is allocated too.

368 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

<u>WD2011/0258A – Potts Marsh Industrial Estate, Westham – Proposed entrance signs</u>

We have no objections to this application.

WD2011/0257F – Potts Marsh Industrial Estate, Westham – Proposed security gates

There were no objections to this application.